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February 6, 2003

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**CONSTRUCTION OF STATE ROUTE 60 SOUNDWALL
VICINITY OF MEDNICK AVENUE
CALTRANS AGREEMENT NO. 07-4652
ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS
3 VOTES**

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

1. Consider the Categorical Exemption for the State Route 60 Soundwall vicinity of Mednick Avenue project, approved by the California Department of Transportation on April 9, 2002, concur that the project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act, and find that these actions reflect the independent judgment of the County.
2. Approve the enclosed Agreement No. 07-4652 in the amount of \$574,000 between the County of Los Angeles and the State of California, acting by and through its Department of Transportation, for design and construction of a soundwall east of Mednick Avenue along State Route 60.
3. Instruct the Chair of the Board to execute the Agreement.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The Department of Transportation (Caltrans) awarded a contract for construction of soundwalls on State Route 60 from Mednick Avenue to 0.3 kilometers west of Garfield Avenue in the Cities of Montebello, Monterey Park, and the unincorporated area. However, Caltrans is determined that 560 feet of soundwall desired by the County along State Route 60 adjacent to the County's East Los Angeles Civic Center, which would otherwise be included in this project, cannot be funded under their soundwall program. The County has determined that a soundwall at that location is necessary to insulate East Los Angeles Civic Center employees and the public who use that County facility, including patients at the Roybal Clinic, from excessive freeway noise.

The Agreement provides for the County to pay an initial deposit of \$574,000 to Caltrans for construction of the soundwall. Caltrans will be responsible for the design, construction, and any necessary administration to install the soundwall as requested by the County. Upon completion of the work, Caltrans will bill the County for any costs incurred exceeding the deposit amount, or will reimburse the County any surplus funds after all actual costs have been paid.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The Agreement meets the County's Strategic Plan Goal of Excellence. The proposed soundwall will mitigate traffic noise and will allow for a quieter environment at the County's East Los Angeles Civic Center.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

The project is included in the Fiscal Year 2002-03 Road Fund budget under the Road Construction Program for Supervisorial District 1.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The Agreement has been reviewed and approved as to form by County Counsel. Pursuant to Streets and Highways Code Section 130, the State and County are authorized to enter into a cooperative agreement for improvements to State highways within the County of Los Angeles.

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ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

The State Route 60 Soundwall vicinity of Mednick Avenue project Categorical Exemption was adopted by Caltrans on April 9, 2002. The recommended findings are in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act and are required prior to your Board's approval of this Agreement.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

The future maintenance of the soundwall will be the responsibility of Caltrans. Construction of the soundwall is consistent with the future use of the East Los Angeles Civic Center.

CONCLUSION

Upon adoption of this letter by your Board and execution of the enclosed Agreement by the Chair, please return the five originals and one copy of the Agreement to us along with the adopted Board letter. Once executed by Caltrans, we will return a fully executed original Agreement to the Executive Office of the Board.

Respectfully submitted,

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Director of Public Works

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cc: Chief Administration Office
County Counsel